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To: State Homeland Security Grants - Local Homeland Security Grant Points of Contact

From: Richard M. Flynn, Commissioner of Safety

Re: Approval of Homeland Local Grant Allocations for Federal FY 2004

Governor Benson and the Executive Council approved the revised local 2004 Homeland Security grants on August 18, 2004. The allocation of these funds was reconfigured to align distribution based more on terrorism threat and risk and to move away from population based fund distribution. You may access more information on this via the Internet at:

http://www.nh.gov/governor/pr_6_29_04homelandthreat.html and

http://www.nh.gov/governor/pr_7_27_04homelandsecurity.html

We appreciate your patience as the Governor's Ad Hoc 2004 Homeland Grant Review Committee has begun the process of implementing a new competitive grant review process to align with these goals and objectives.

The new competitive grant application for Homeland grant funding will be due into the Department of Safety-Grant Management Unit at 33 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305 at Noon on Monday October 25, 2004. These grant requests will be scored and reviewed by the Governor's Ad Hoc 2004 Homeland Grant review Committee.

Please refer to: <http://www.nh.gov/safety/homeland/index.html>. At this Internet site you will find:

- Application information and forms that must be used to apply for these funds,
- Authorized Eligible equipment list for both The First Responder Grant program (primarily Fire, EMS, and other emergency response disciplines) and the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (Law Enforcement specific grant program), and available allocations,
- Membership roster of the Governor's Ad Hoc 2004 Homeland Grant Review Committee,
- The Department of Homeland Security approved State Strategy for Homeland Security,
- First Responder Radio Statewide Interoperability Project information,
- Training and Exercise fund total allocations.

Municipalities will be able to choose their own local procurement process to secure eligible equipment. Grant reimbursement to municipalities will be made after applications and purchases are completed at the local level. It is critical that all equipment items, training, or exercises be pre-approved for eligibility prior to purchases being made based on the Authorized Eligible Equipment lists (AELs). The Department of Safety Grant Administrator, Pam Urban-Morin will coordinate approval with U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as necessary. All Homeland equipment purchases are subject to State and Federal approvals.

In FFY 2004 the First Responder Radio Interoperability project will continue with \$11.2 million in local funds dedicated to upgrading the statewide Fire and EMS communications platform with standardized APCO-25 compliant communications equipment. This equipment will continue to be distributed based upon locally identified needs. The LAWNET project will receive \$1 million in local level assistance as part of the FFY 2004 Homeland grant program. Please see <http://www.nh.gov/safety/homeland/index.html> for more information.

We recognize that some towns and cities' authorized individuals may not have readily available Internet connections and may need paper copies of this information. If you have this need, please call or write Grants Management at Safety and we will provide you with whatever you need.

We look forward assisting you with the 2004 Homeland grant process. Please contact Pam at Safety's Grants Management Unit at 603-271-7033 for more information or e-mail: homelandgrants@safety.state.nh.us.